



Tom Barrett
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Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett called on the Commissioners of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District to undertake a full and thorough review of the circumstances leading to the spreading of contaminated fertilizer on Milwaukee County Park land:

“This is a fundamental health and safety issue. Testing protocols should be in place so that the District can ensure the public that its fertilizer product is safe for distribution and application.

It’s no secret that a sewerage treatment plant is going to have contaminants flowing through the pipes. I want to know how often the fertilizer is tested, whether there are sufficient health and safety standards and notification protocols in place, and if the product is being properly stored.

I expect the District staff to fully cooperate with the State Department of Natural resources and the Federal Environmental Protection Agency.”